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1. A ruble is equivalent to 85 French francs.
2. Prices are approximately the same in all of the USSR with the exception of those areas where climatic conditions are very difficult.
3. For example, here are some prices -
 - a) Rye bread - 1.60 rubles per kg - for bread of a very inferior quality. Rye flour mixed with other types of flour.
 - b) Wheat bread is only found in large cities. The price of a kg varies from four to six rubles according to the quality.
 - c) Macaroni and farinaceous foods - from four to seven rubles according to the quality.
 - d) Cube sugar - 10.20 rubles per kg; granulated sugar - 9.60 rubles
 - e) Rice - eight rubles per kg; oil - 16 rubles a liter; butter - 22 to 36 rubles per kg; eggs - 0.50 to 1.20 rubles; lard - 24 to 40 rubles per kg.

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- f) Beef - 10 to 12 rubles per kg; lamb - 12-16 rubles per kg; pork - 15 to 20 rubles per kg; cacao - 120 rubles per kg.
- g) A pair of shoes is priced at from 70 to 450 rubles. Even at higher prices the quality is very mediocre, and a pair of shoes does not last for more than three months of moderate wear. A wornout pair cannot be repaired.
- h) A pair of stockings - from 20 to 50 rubles.
- i) Wool cloth - 120 rubles per m, 140 in width; for the cheapest cloth; from 250 to 450 rubles, 140 in width, for woolen cloth for coats.
- j) Cotton material (percale) - from eight to 14 rubles, 60 cm in width.
- k) Cotton material (chintz) - from 14 to 20 rubles, 60 cm in width.
- l) Rayon cloth is priced at from 60 to 90 rubles, 90 cm in width.
- m) Silk cloth is priced at from 120 to 150 rubles, 90 cm in width.
- n) A man's suit - from 700 to 1500 rubles.
- o) A winter coat - from 800 to two thousand rubles.
4. For the past few months food products such as sugar and macaroni are plentiful in the cities. In a small town such as Subacius, conditions are also improved. Cube sugar is almost always available and frequently even granulated sugar, once or twice a week heavy rye bread can be had (due to the production norms) as well as pearled barley and milled barley, and also hulled oats.

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